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They kidnapped von Hardenberg and brought him to Alexandria where he was murdered. Brandenburg was also repeatedly threatened, but he hopes that by disclosing the threats in the German press, he will be left alone.

"According to Brandenburg, the rift among the Germans in the M.E. has now assumed serious proportions. The Germans serving with Transjordan and Iraqi forces try to present themselves as professional soldiers with no interest in politics. They also try to disassociate themselves from the Gestapo-run German missions to Cairo and Damascus, which are led by such notorious war criminals as Remer and Skorzeny in Egypt and Rauff and Sawant in Syria.

"Skorzeny, now in charge of the German Mission to Egypt, has insulted General Farnbacher, formerly the nominal Chief of Mission. Farnbacher complained to Nagib, but Nagib took Skorzeny's side and General Farnbacher is leaving shortly for Germany, together with Generals von Hunsel and von Ravenstein.

"In their place, Skorzeny and Remer have recruited SS-Colonel Ernst Wilhelm Springer and Colonel Ernst Zolling. Zolling was chief of intelligence and security branches in Rommel's Afrika Korps. He is now Nagib's personal adviser on intelligence and security matters. Adenauer's Federal Government is also purposely helping to widen the growing rift among the Nazis in the Middle East, by announcing that all former Wehrmacht generals and colonels will be eligible for pensions, bonuses and posts in the new German Army if they return to Germany before December 31, 1953."

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